(c) whether various airlines were unable to use the CAT-III System for landing at IGI Airport in the month of January this year;

(d) if so, whether Government has since taken any corrective steps to ensure that ILS and CAT-III systems at IGI Airport function in a smooth way; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The Instrument Landing System (ILS) at IGI Airport has been functioning properly. However, only on two occasions ILS CAT III could not be made available due to non-availibility of remote status indication of glide path on 10th January, 2008 during 0800 to 1000 hours and on 11th January, 2008 during 0800 to 0950 hours.

(d) and (e) A temporary remote cable was laid from glide path *via* existing unit and remote indication was provided.

National Aeronautics Commission

7. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Aeronautics Commission;

(b) if so, the scope/brief of the Commission; and

(c) who shall be its members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Setting up of National Aeronautics Commission is at conceptual stage.

Construction of heliport

8. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build a floating heliport in Mumbai to beat the heavy traffic;

(b) whether it is also proposed to build a helipad at the Commonwealth Games Village in Delhi and another at the AIIMS for emergency and trauma care purposes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Construction of floating heliport in Mumbai is in the conceptual state.

(b) and (c) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is in discussion with Delhi Development Authority for allotment of land at suitable place near Akshardham Temple for construction of heliport. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) requested for grant of permission for landing of helicopter on the elevated helipad at Jai Prakash Narain Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS New Delhi in August, 2007.

AIIMS was advised to follow the guidelines for authorisation for elevated (roof top) helipad and guidelines for preparation of helipad as per Civil Aviation Requirements and prepare Standard Operating Procedures for operation of helicopters from the proposed helipads.